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[Write your answers in the question paper itself. Be brief and precise. Answer all questions.]
[If you use any algorithm/result/formula covered in the class, just mention it, do not elaborate.]

1. Suppose that a parallel algorithm for CREW PRAMs runs in $T(n)$ time and does $W(n)$ work. Prove that a **p -processor EREW PRAM** can run the same algorithm in $O\left(\left(\frac{W(n)}{p} + T(n)\right) \log p\right)$ time. (10)

Solution By the WT scheduling principle, the algorithm runs in $\frac{W(n)}{p} + T(n)$ time on a p -processor CREW PRAM. In order to run the algorithm on a p -processor EREW PRAM, we need to handle the concurrent read instructions. The number r of processors that attempt to read concurrently from a location x at a point of time is $\leq p$. Let us see how an array $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r)$ with all $x_i = x$ can be prepared in $O(\log r)$ (that is, $O(\log p)$) time without using concurrent reads. The following pseudocode assumes for simplicity that $r = 2^t$.

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Processor 1 reads  $x$  and copies the value to  $x_1$ .  
For  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, t-1$ , repeat:  
  For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2^i$ , pardo:  
    Processor  $j$  copies  $x_j$  to  $x_{2^i+j}$ .
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After this, an r -way concurrent reading of x is replaced by exclusive reading of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r by r processors from the different locations in X . Since the maximum number of concurrent reads is $\frac{W(n)}{p} + T(n)$ and each concurrent read expands to $O(\log p)$ time, the result follows.

2. Let $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ be a sorted array of n integers. You are given an **EREW PRAM** with p processors and an (arbitrary) array $B = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_p)$ of integers. The task of the i -th processor is to search for b_i in A , and to write the result c_i (true/false) in an array $C = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p)$. Assume that $p = O(\log n)$, and that n is a power of 2. Exercise 1 leads to an $O(\log n \log \log n)$ -time solution to this problem. Propose an $O(\log n)$ -time algorithm for solving this problem. (10)

Solution The idea is to use pipelining. Take $n = 2^t$. Let us look into the array locations accessed during different iterations of the binary-search algorithm. In the first iteration, the middle element at index 2^{t-1} is accessed. In the second iteration, the element at one of the indices 2^{t-2} and $3 \times 2^{t-2}$ is accessed. In the third iteration, the element at one of the indices 2^{t-3} , $3 \times 2^{t-3}$, $5 \times 2^{t-3}$ and $7 \times 2^{t-3}$ is accessed, and so on. Evidently, there cannot be any conflict between the reads of two different iterations. Therefore if the i -th processor starts the binary search for b_i in A at time i , there will not be any concurrent read requests, and the processors finish all of the p searches in $\leq p + \log n$ time. Since $p = O(\log n)$, this time is $O(\log n)$.

3. Propose an $O(\log n)$ -time algorithm to sort an array of n integers on a **priority CRCW PRAM**. Do not use the pipelined merge sort algorithm for CREW PRAMs, partially covered in the class. (10)

Solution Let X and Y be two sorted arrays of size m each. It suffices to show that $\text{Rank}(X; Y)$ can be computed by a priority CRCW PRAM in $O(1)$ time. We use m^2 processors indexed by the pair $(i, j) \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}^2$. The processors are given priority based on the lexicographic ordering of the pairs (i, j) (or on the integer $mi + j$). Processor (i, j) is of higher priority than Processor (i', j') if (i, j) is lexicographically smaller than (i', j') (or equivalently $mi + j < mi' + j'$). The following code snippet computes the ranks of all x_i in Y in an array R .

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For all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , pardo:
    Initialize  $R[i] = m$ .
For all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , pardo:
    If  $x_i < y_j$ , set  $R[i] = j - 1$ . /* To be done by Processor  $(i, j)$  */

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The initialization step does not require any concurrent writes. So let us look at the second parallel step. Fix some $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$. Only the processors (i, j) with $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ may attempt to write to $R[i]$. Let $\text{Rank}(x_i; Y) = r$, that is, $y_1 < y_2 < \dots < y_r < x_i < y_{r+1} < y_{r+2} < \dots < y_m$. For $j \leq r$, the condition $x_i < y_j$ does not hold, and Processor (i, j) does not make an attempt to write to $R[i]$. The condition $x_i < y_j$ holds for all $j = r+1, r+2, \dots, m$, and so all the processors (i, j) with j in this range attempt to write to $R[i]$. Among these, Processor $(r+1, j)$ has the highest priority, and succeeds in writing $(r+1) - 1 = r$ at $R[i]$.

Since merging two arrays can be done in $O(1)$ time, the running time of parallel merge sort on a priority CRCW PRAM satisfies $T(n) = T(n/2) + O(1) = O(\log n)$.

4. A **sum CRCW PRAM** resolves write conflicts by writing the sum of the values of all concurrent write requests. Solve the following problem in $O(1)$ time on a sum CRCW PRAM.

Let $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ be an unsorted array of $n = 2k$ integers. It is given that exactly half (that is, k) of the elements of A are positive, and the remaining k elements are negative. The problem is to prepare an array B consisting of all the elements of A such that the positive and negative elements of A are positioned alternately in B , and B starts with a positive element. Your algorithm should preserve the order of the positive and negative elements as they appear in A . For example, if $A = (-7, 2, -1, -9, 1, 4, -1, 5)$, then B should be $(2, -7, 1, -1, 4, -9, 5, -1)$. (10)

Solution Let $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ be an array of n integers. The following algorithm correctly computes the prefix sums of X in an array $XP = (xp_1, xp_2, \dots, xp_n)$ in $O(1)$ time on a sum CRCW PRAM.

For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ **and for** $j = i, i + 1, \dots, n$, **pardo**: **Write** x_i **to** xp_j .

Now, we solve the given problem. We use two arrays P and N to locate the positions of the positive and negative elements of A . This can be done in $O(1)$ time. We then compute the prefix sums of P and N in two arrays PP and NP in $O(1)$ time. Finally, guided by these prefix-sum arrays, we write appropriate elements of A to the desired positions in B , again in $O(1)$ time.

For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, **pardo**
 If $a_i > 0$, **set** $P[i] = 1$ **and** $N[i] = 0$, **else set** $P[i] = 0$ **and** $N[i] = 1$.
Compute in parallel the prefix sums of P **in** PP **and of** N **in** NP .
For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, **pardo**
 If $P[i] = 1$, **copy** a_i **to** $B[2 \times PP[i] - 1]$, **else copy** a_i **to** $B[2 \times NP[i]]$.

5. Let $V = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$, and $D: V \rightarrow V$ a function. We know that D defines a pseudoforest on V (that is, a vertex-disjoint collection of pseudotrees, where a pseudotree is a rooted tree with an extra edge). Supplied additionally as input, an integer key value $K(i)$ for each Vertex i . Your task is to compute, for all i , the smallest key value stored in the pseudotree that contains Vertex i . Propose an $O(\log n)$ -time algorithm for solving this problem on a **CREW PRAM** (write the complete pseudocode of your algorithm). What is the total work done by your algorithm? (10)

Solution We use the pointer jumping technique. We first copy the array D to an array P . The minimum for Vertex i is stored in $M(i)$.

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For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , pardo:
    Copy  $D(i)$  to  $P(i)$ .
For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , pardo:
    Initialize  $M(i) = K(i)$ .
    Repeat  $\lceil \log n \rceil$  times:
        If  $M(P(i)) < M(i)$ , set  $M(i) = M(P(i))$ .
        Set  $P(i) = P(P(i))$ .

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The total work done at this stage is $O(n \log n)$.

The above algorithm works on a pseudotree if and only if the minimum in the pseudotree lies on its cycle. There is more to be done in order to make the idea work. This calls for $O(n^2)$ space and an additional $O(n^2)$ work.

Each vertex calculates the minimum of its children, and replaces its minimum by the child minimum if needed.

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For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  pardo:
    Set  $A(i, j) = \infty$ .
For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  pardo:
    If  $P(j) = i$ , set  $A(i, j) = M(j)$ .
For each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , pardo:
    Compute the minimum  $m_i$  of  $A(i, j)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . /*  $O(\log n)$  time on CREW PRAM */
    If  $m_i < M(i)$ , set  $M(i) = m_i$ .

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Now, restore the original parent pointers, and do pointer jumping once more (another $O(n \log n)$ work).

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For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , pardo:
    Copy  $D(i)$  to  $P(i)$ .
For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , pardo:
    Repeat  $\lceil \log n \rceil$  times:
        If  $M(P(i)) < M(i)$ , set  $M(i) = M(P(i))$ .
        Set  $P(i) = P(P(i))$ .

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6. The **Linear Equalities (LE)** problem is defined as follows. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix with integer entries, and \mathbf{b} an m -dimensional (column) vector. The problem is to decide whether there exists an n -dimensional vector $\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$ such that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. Prove that LE is P-Complete. (10)

Solution We can check the solvability of a system of linear equations in polynomial time by linear-algebra algorithms (like Gaussian elimination). Therefore LE is in P.

In order to prove the P-hardness of LE, we use reduction from LI (Linear Inequalities) which has been proved to be P-Complete. Let $c_1y_1 + c_2y_2 + \dots + c_ky_k \leq d_l$ be a linear inequality (an inequality in the input instance of LI). We introduce a new variable z_l (called a slack variable) to convert this inequality to the equality $c_1y_1 + c_2y_2 + \dots + c_ky_k + z_l = d_l$ along with the condition $z_l \geq 0$. Clearly, all the inequalities can be converted to equalities in $O(1)$ parallel time, so the reduction algorithm is in NC.

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